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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT VACANCIES

Justice Rita B. Garman of the Supreme Court of Illinois has begun an application process for two pending Circuit Court vacancies in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

The vacancies will occur upon the retirements of Judges Thomas G. Russell of Jerseyville and Donald M. Cadagin of Springfield. A resident circuit judge since 1990, Judge Russell's retirement is effective August 24. Judge Cadagin, a resident circuit judge since 1994, will retire July 8.

Under the Illinois Constitution, judicial vacancies are filled by Supreme Court appointment. The application process will lead to final Court approval.

Notices of the vacancies have been posted in courthouses throughout the Circuit. Applications may be obtained in writing to:

Mrs. Mary Hurley
Office of Justice Rita B. Garman
Supreme Court of Illinois
3607 North Vermilion, Suite 1
Danville, Illinois 61832

All completed applications must be returned and received in Justice Garman's office no later than Friday, April 15, 2005. The applications will undergo an evaluation and screening process. The persons appointed to fill the vacancies will serve until the position is filled by election in November, 2006.

The Seventh Judicial Circuit encompasses six counties: Greene, Jersey, Morgan, Macoupin, Sangamon and Scott counties.